

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Palumbo et al.

Application No.: Continuation Application of 09/754,988  
(Filed January 5, 2001)

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For: **POLYMERS AND OTHER GROUPS ATTACHED TO PIGMENTS  
AND SUBSEQUENT REACTIONS**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this response.